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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Special Assistant to the Director

for Planning and Development

SUBJECT

Current Requirements for Middle East Coverage

REFERENCE

Memorandum for SA/PD/DCI, from Chairman, ARC, Same Subject, dated 12 December 1958 (SC-06841/58)

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I learned by phone this morning that the Navy and the Army whose views I reported in the tend now to go along with reference, regarding the need for Middle East coverage, particularly The Air Force is neutral, which means that they're not against it but they're not hurting for coverage.

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- I have checked back with for the situation of the mement. He reports that there are no startling new developments but that the parties involved are in a state of alert to be ready to take military action if necessary.
- The last Middle East coverage is dated 19 November. Keeping in mind your admonition at the last staff meeting with regard to avoiding unnecessary risks in Middle East coverage, I am inclined to feel that coverage of the Middle East at this time would be pertinent.

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4. Recommendation: That you approve a Middle East mission (If you with primary emphasis on approve, I will immediately gather and forward requirements to Operations DPS/DCI for its guidance.)

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Recommendation in paragraph 4 APPROVED: 1 8 DEC 1958

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